

Merry-Go-Round (1956 film)

Merry-Go-Round (Hungarian: ***Körhinta***) is a 1956 Hungarian drama film directed by Zoltán Fábri, based on the short story *Kútban* (*In the Well*) by Imre Sarkadi. It was in competition at the 1956 Cannes Film Festival.^[1] It was later selected to be screened in the Cannes Classics section of the 2017 Cannes Film Festival.^[2] The film was chosen to be part both of Budapest Twelve, a list of Hungarian films considered the best in 1968 and its follow-up, the New Budapest Twelve in 2000.^{[3][4]}

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Plot

The story takes place in a rural area of Hungary. There are two young people who fall in love with each other. However, the girl's father wants her to marry someone else.^[5] But surprisingly this classic love story intertwines with traditional, political and economic choices.^[6]

The scene where the two lovers are spinning at a dizzying view on the carousel has taken its place in the history of cinema. What makes the scene impressive is that the camera spinned with them.^[7]

Cast

- Mari Törőcsik as Pataki Mari
- Imre Soós as Bíró Máté
- Ádám Szirtes as Farkas Sándor
- Béla Barsi as Pataki István
- Manyi Kiss as Patakiné
- Gyula Bakos
- Antal Farkas as Samu János
- József Juhász
- Flóra Kádár as Eszti

<i>Merry-Go-Round</i>	
Directed by	<u>Zoltán Fábri</u>
Written by	<u>Zoltán Fábri</u> <div><u>László Nádasy</u></div> <div><u>Imre Sarkadi</u></div>
Starring	<u>Mari Törőcsik</u>
Cinematography	<u>Barnabás Hegyi</u>
Edited by	<u>Ferencné Szécsényi</u>
Production company	<u>Mafilm</u>
Distributed by	<u>Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer</u> (Original) <div><u>Turner Entertainment</u> (Distribution Rights)</div> <div><u>DreamWorks SKG</u> (Today)</div>
Release date	2 February 1956
Running time	90 minutes
Country	Hungary
Language	Hungarian

- Ervin Kibédi
- Mária Kovács (as C. Kovács Mária)
- László Kozák
- János Maklár as Elszámoltatóbizottság tagja
- László Misoga as Sógor
- Piri Peéry

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